

# North Carolina

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## September 2015



Division 9

COUNTIES SERVED | Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Rowan, Stokes

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In early August, Governor Pat McCrory announced the appointment of Nick Tennyson as the new Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Tennyson previously served as Chief Deputy Secretary since March 2013, and succeeds Tony Tata.

"Nick Tennyson is the perfect choice to continue the momentum we have made in North Carolina's transportation strategy," said Governor McCrory. "He has been involved in planning all of our key transportation strategies over the last two and half years, and is equipped to hit the ground running to continue our progress."

Secretary Tennyson and the NCDOT team will continue to focus on expanding and safely maintaining our transportation network through the Governor's 25 Year Vision, support new funding strategies including the bonds to Connect NC, strengthen our ports to make our state more globally competitive and deliver other infrastructure projects to help grow the state's economy and create jobs. [Learn More](#)

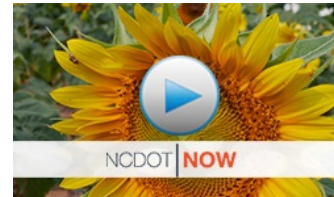
### Macy Grove Road Improvement Project Near Completion



Macy Grove Road Improvement

NCDOT awarded a \$38 million contract back in 2012 to widen and extend Macy Grove Road from Industrial Park Drive to East Mountain Road; and construct a full interchange at

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### NCDOT Now

On this week's NCDOT Now, NCDOT partners with the N.C. Department of Agriculture on creating pollinator habitats in wildflower beds, tickets available now for special train stops at the North Carolina State Fair and the Lexington Barbecue Festival in October, and ferry crews help rescue a father and son in Swan Quarter Bay.

### Bridge Naming Request

The North Carolina Board of Transportation Road Naming Committee approves request by the Forsyth County

Business 40 in Kernersville; this month the work will be complete several weeks ahead of schedule!

"The project would provide a direct north/south route between N.C. 150 and I-40 Business. Sections of N.C. 150 and N.C. 66 are currently over capacity, while East Mountain Street is projected to be over capacity in the near future," said Pat Ivey, Division 9 Engineer.

"In addition, large planned industrial and commercial development areas around the existing Macy Grove Road bridge crossing of I-40 Business would be served by this project," added Jeremy Guy, NCDOT Project Manager.

"The new Macy Grove Interchange is assisting in promoting economic development in Kernersville and Forsyth County. It is also assisting on lessening the traffic congestion at the N.C. 66 interchange by providing a new alternative traffic route for our local residential and business traffic," said Jeff Hatling, Town of Kernersville Community Development Director.

You can find out about other regional projects [here](#).

### **Division 9 Board Member:**

#### **Jake F. Alexander**

Jake Alexander was appointed to the N.C. Board of Transportation by Gov. Pat McCrory in January 2013. He represents Transportation Division 9, which includes Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Rowan and Stokes counties.



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Jake F. Alexander

Alexander earned a B.A. in political science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He has 25 years' experience in managing transportation-related issues in both the public and private sectors, including successful leadership roles as a Deputy Secretary of the N.C. Department of Transportation and Vice President of the North Carolina Transportation Museum Foundation. He has also served as a member of the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Motor Carrier Advisory Committee.

In the private sector, Alexander has extensive experience in marketing recycled tires for use in various industries. He is

Commissioners to name the I-40 Business Bridge over Salem Avenue and Research Parkway after country music legend George Hamilton IV.

Hamilton was born in Winston-Salem and he graduated from Reynolds High School.

The Board of Transportation is expected to approve the request when they meet in October.

currently the Sales Director at Genan, Inc., where he is responsible for the sales and marketing of recycled rubber granulate for industrial and sports surfacing use.

Alexander has served on the Board of Directors for the Synthetic Turf Council, Community ONE Bank and Dover Mortgage, Inc., and has also contributed his experience and expertise as the former chairman of the Salisbury Planning Board, Salisbury Zoning Board of Adjustments, Waterworks Visual Arts Center and Piedmont Players Theatre.

Alexander is a member, elder and adult Sunday School teacher at First Presbyterian Church.

He and his wife Susan live in Salisbury and have two adult children, Margaret and Jacob, IV.

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